

BERSAGLIERI #44

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Subs to Bersaglieri are \$6 for 10 issues.

I Volotari: (standbies): Arnawoodian, Byrne, Craig, Frueh, Givan, Swartz and Christie.

\*\*\*If you play out a standby position, you get three free issues.....

I really do need standbies especially with the new games coming up. If you'd like to be one please let me know.....

#### GAME OPENINGS

The new regular dip game is filling up....There are currently 4 people signed up for the game. That means there are only three openings left. The game fee is \$3 and you must keep a sub to Bersaglieri. I do take preference lists.

Already signed up for the game are: Scott Williams, Larry Cirelli, Steve Arnawoodian, and Bernie Oaklyn.

Since the Utah game has ended, I've decided to start an additional game of reg Dip. So, in fact there are 10 openings. As soon as I get 7 people, the first game will begin.....

The Utah game (83S) has ended. Congratulations to Don Williams on his win as Russia.....

Along with the Utah game end, the Utah Bourse has ended. Congratulations to Bob Olsen and his TLC for winning with 1598 victory points.....

To all those in games in B, the next deadline is on a Friday (June 7th). Since my class schedule for the summer is different than the Spring, I've change the deadlines to Fridays. The deadlines will remain Fridays for the foreseeable future.

I hope that all of you smart people will be attending MaryCon. It will be held on May 31, June 1-2. It will, of course, be held at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. This is the Dip convention of the East Coast. Oh, of course there's Origins/Atlanticon, but that Dip tourney is tiddley winks compared to MaryCon. For info write to MaryCon '85, 1309 Hanover St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

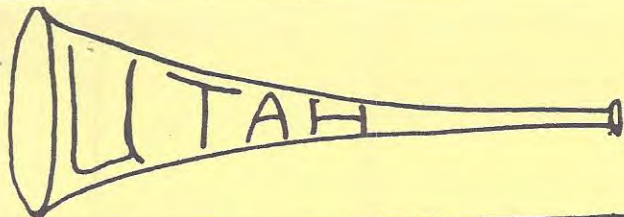
A correction from last issue.....Origins/AtlantiCon has been changed back to Towson State College near Baltimore. It will not be at UMBC. For info write: Origins '85, PO Box 139, Middletown, NJ 07748.

I'll be going to both Origins and MaryCon. I hope to see YOU there!

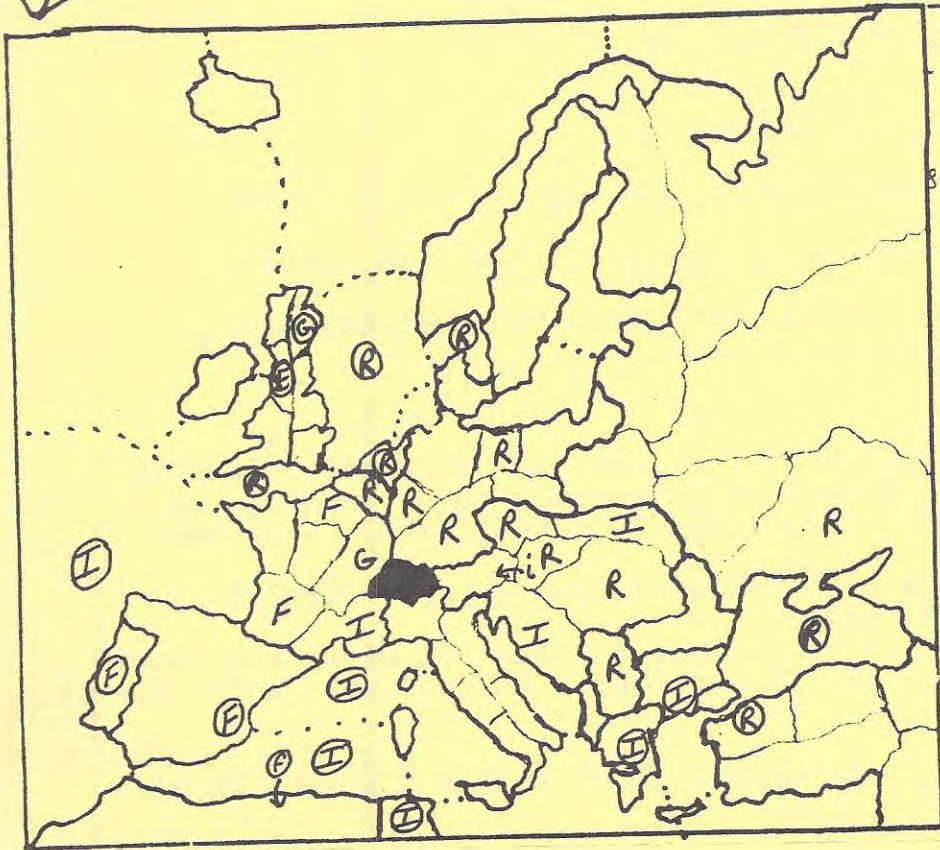
Oh, and by the way, there's a CLAY-O-RAMA game planned for MaryCon. It'll probably be Friday, but who knows. It should be a blast!

The Celebrity Page reappears in this issue.....





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FALL '08  
(and guess what.....)

Summer '08

Ita: A Mun retreats to Ruh  
F Wes retreats to Tun

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Fall '08 orders:

ENGLAND (Byrne): F LPL holds.

FRANCE (Christie): A PIC-Par,  
A GAS-Mar, F WES-Lyo--d, F SPA(sc)  
S A Gas-Mar, F POR-Mao.GERMANY (Craig): A BUR-Par,  
F EDI holds.ITALY (Arnawoodian): F Tyr-WES,  
F TUN S F Tyr-Wes, F LYO-Spa(sc),  
A MAR S F Lyo-Spa(sc), F MAO-Gas,  
A VIE-Bud, A TRI S A Vie-Bud,  
F GRE holds, F BUL(sc)-Con, A Boh  
GAL, A RUH-Bel--annihilated.RUSSIA (Williams): A Mos-SEV,  
A Nwy-BEL, F NTH C A Nwy-Bel,  
F HOL S A Nwy-Bel, F Den-SKA,  
F Ank-CON, F BLA S F Ank-Con,  
A Kie-RUH, A MUN S A Kie-Ruh,  
A BER S A Mun, A Sil-BOH, A Gal-  
VIE, A BUD S A Gal-Vie, A SER-Tri

F Wal-ENG.

1908 Supply Center Chart

Eng: Lpl: 1 center. Has 1 unit.

Fra: Bre, ~~Mar~~, Por, Spa, ~~Bel~~: 3 centers. Has 5 units.

Ger: Edi, Par: 2 centers. Has 2 units.

Ita: Home, Tri, ~~Vie~~, ~~Con~~, Smy, Gre, Bul, ~~Mun~~, Tun, MAR: 9 centers.  
Has 10 units.Rus: Home, Rum, Swe, Bud, Ank, Ser, Nwy, Ber, Den, Lon, Hol, Kie, BEL,  
VIE, CON, MUN: 19 centers!!! WINS!!!!

Congratulations to Don on his win. And thank you to all who stuck with the game. Special thanks go to Howard Christie and Kathy Byrne for standing by and finishing out the game. Three free issues to both of you.

Press:

Eng-Rus: Get it over with already!Germany-Russia: ....mmmff...arg!...oomf!!...ouch! Ouch!! OK, alright!  
"Uncle"TopCat-Felix: "Ruin another game for Woody?" I've never done anything to that slimeball...EVER.. OK, So I did put him in a game with Anderson, but still...Brest-Moscow: This game should be over, if you didn't go and blow it.TopCat-GM: Of course, in some circles they'd say that was ruining the game for everybody. (Dave doesn't get this, does he?)GM-TopCat: No, but I can see that he does.....

press continued.....



Utah press continued.....

Brest-Rome: I told you so!! You should be the one to leave the hobby. I never saw such an immature message sent to anyone just because I am throwing the game to the Russian. I made a threat and I'll stand by it. Since you wouldn't call off your attack and head east, the Russian should win!!

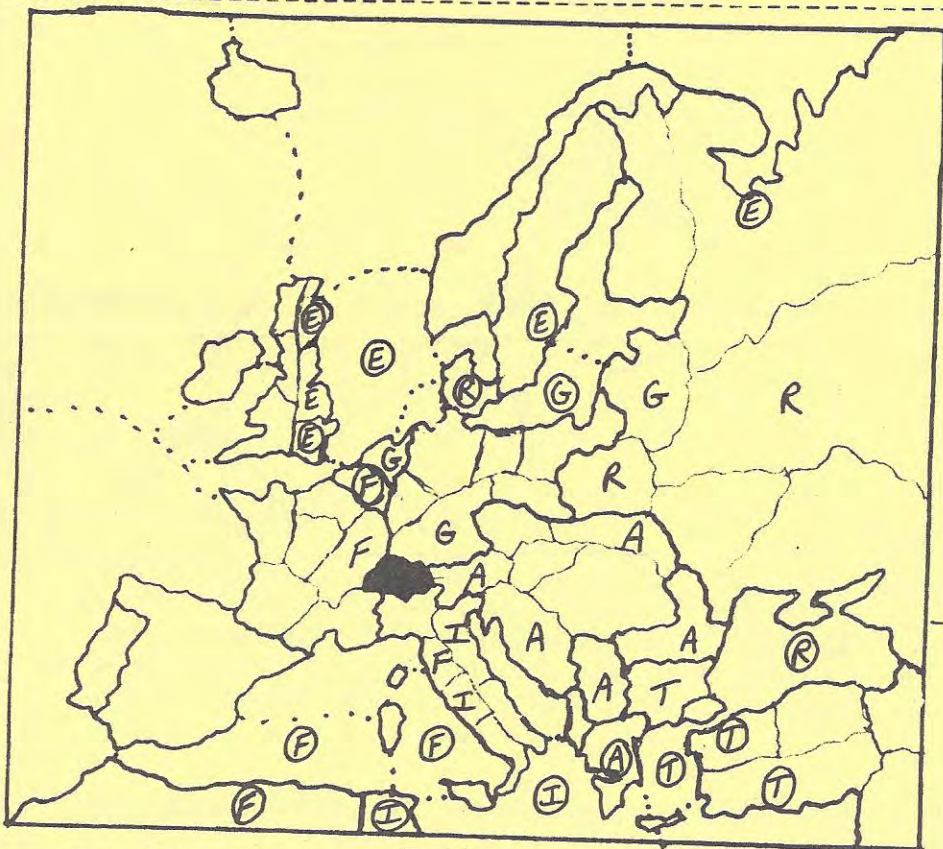
Russia-England: Most people play Russia with white blocks. Me? I use "Chicken and Stars". ONWARD CAMPBELL's SOLDIERS!!

Brest, 1908: The French government is getting ready to proclaim world peace day. The banners are coming out and the schools are beginning to teach Russian.

Russia-Italy: Sorry, Woody, but it was inevitable. I've never stabbed anyone and tried to go for the win before and I thought it was about time I gave it a shot. Again, sorry, but it really couldn't have happened to a more deserving guy.

Russia-France: If you kept the faith this time, our struggle should be over. Howard, I'll definitely remember you in my will.

GM-players: Endgame statements are due on Fri., June 7th.



84AE

Winter  
'04

D elaware

Winter '04

Aus: Retreats A War-OTB,  
Removes A Ukr.  
Eng: Builds F Edi.  
Tur: Builds F Smy.

Deadline for Spring '05 orders is Fri., June 7th.

A separation of seasons has been requested by 3 players. I have granted it, but please don't get carried away. The press below was requested to be printed with or without a separation. I have orders on file for Spring '05 for A,E,F,I,R,T. All other press will be printed next time.

Press:

Con-Lon: France is wide open for an attack. Where are you to go once you gobbled up the few remaining centers that are available?

Con-Vie: You are impossible sometimes. Did you know that?

Con-Ber: How come you and I are in all these games together. Must be the Mainardi Curse!!!

GM-ConI If you'd like, I could conjure up a spell that will quickly eliminate you from this game.....hocus, pocus, allacazzam!!!!



# SPRING '02

84IM

Fighting intensifies on  
all fronts.....

## Spring '02 orders:

AUSTRIA (Williams): F Gre-ALB,  
A VIE-Gal, A BUD-Tri, A SER  
S TURK A Bul-Rumnso.

ENGLAND (Caruso): A Lon-WAL,  
F LPL S A Lon-Wal, F Nth-  
YOR, FNWY-Nth.

FRANCE (Raithel): A Wal-LON,  
F ENG C A Wal-Lon, F Bre-  
MAO, A SPA Holds.

GERMANY (Klansek): A Mun-SIL,  
A DEN-Swe, A BEL Holds,  
F HOL-Nth, F Ber-BAL, F Kie-  
HEL.

ITALY (Wrobel): A Apu-VEN,  
A TRI-Ser, F Nap-ION, F Eas-  
AEG.

RUSSIA (Swartz): F SWE Holds  
A Sev-RUM, F BLA S A Sev-  
Rum, A UKR S A Sev-Rum,  
A GAL S A Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Christie): A Arm-SMY  
A BUL S RUS F Bla-Rumnso,  
F Con S A Bul, F ANK-Bla.

Deadline for Fall '02 orders  
is Fri., June 7th.

\*In case anyone is wondering  
about the move results in  
southern England -- while  
it is true that two units cannot switch provinces, it must be remembered  
that the French attack came from the Eng Channel and not from Wal. There  
is a fine line here (at first I thought that this couldn't happen). But  
I have consulted with other GM's about this and they concur with the above  
outcome. I was also told that this kind of incident is mentioned in the  
Gamer's Guide to Dip.

## Press:

Ber-Vie: Here come the firefighters as you requested! Do you have a specific  
fire in mind? Please lead the way!

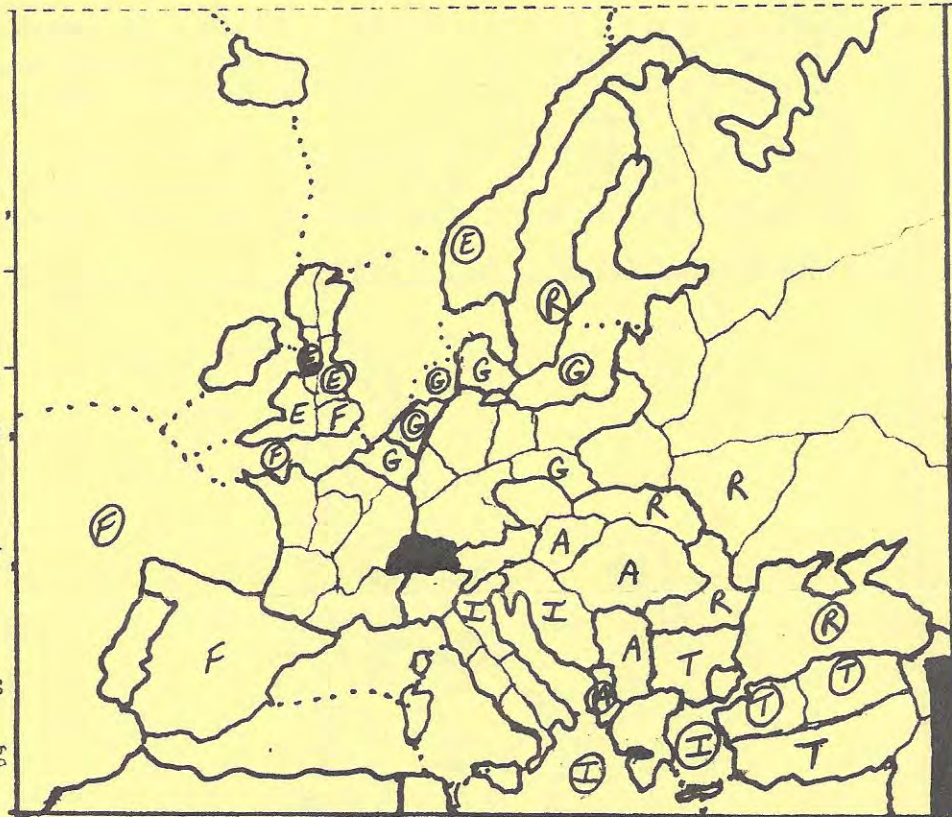
France-Germany: Can I stop licking your silly black boots now? My tongue  
has black shoe-polish all over it!

Don-Howard: Howard, this is probably the toughest stab I've ever pulled..  
I'm sorry.

Con-Vie: Russia, Russia, Russia

Ber-Par: Think water! Think Mediterranean Sea! Think about writing once  
in a while! The czar didn't write me and look what it got him; do you  
deserve the same fate?

Paris-London: Parlez-vous francais?  
press continued.....





Mare Nostro press continued....

Austria-England: OK, so maybe I had an eeney-weeney hand in what is going on over there...but I never dreamed they'd really listen to me. No one's ever done that before.

Con-Rom: No fears, my friend.

Ber-Lon/Eng: Jihn, you don't think that I took your knife at AtlantiCon '84 personally, do you? Grrr!! Remember 1776, "One by land, two by sea"!

France-Osterduck: Let's face it, you're responsible for what's happening in the east and west. (I'm telling you, John, it's all his fault!)

Bud-Mos: His army is in Armenia because you just never know where that nasty I/A is going to show up...

Ber-Rom: Go get 'em, Papal tiger!

Avignon-Vatican: Can't we discuss our relationship like the decent popes we both are? Is it possible for both our great Catholic Empires to join forces in the name of the Holy Mother of the Church? Let us begin in prayer..

Austria-GM: The "Literary Heart" lies in southwestern PA? You been listening to Woody again? Hey, if the literary anything rests in PA, it's because some PA hood mugged it, cut out its heart and buried it in the coal-dusted soil.

GM-Austria: I said southeastern PA! There are no coal mines in the east.

Ber-Ank: See, the Russian Bear isn't all that tough if we work together! Now, would you like to cut the cake or should I?

Paris-Berlin: Ya know, my good pal, John, sent me a photocopy of one of my letters to you (with an assortment of rather impolite comments about me on it)! Keep that up and I'll stuff those pretty black boots of yours down your lying throat! Vive la France!

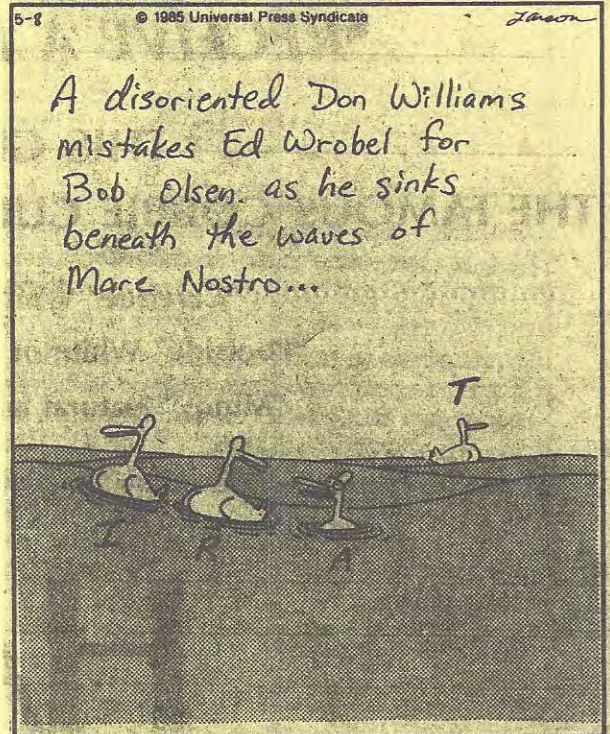
Life on the San Andreas Fault line-Klansek: I think I just disproved the usefulness of your little graph. Better luck next time.

Ber-Mos: Does this mean our courtship is over? If you love me you'll give me Warsaw.

Ger-GM: Is there any way that we could get this game into first gear? I know that you are busy, but I have a deadline to meet. There will come a time when I must decide between a wife and wargames. Can you believe it?!? A woman could bring to ruin the Kaiser's little empire; just when I thought things were going my way. Scheisse! Well, I need someone to polish my black boots; maybe, just maybe, France will?!

New Age Press da Italia:

**THE FAR SIDE GARY LARSON**



A disoriented Don Williams mistakes Ed Wrobel for Bob Olsen as he sinks beneath the waves of Mare Nostro...

GM-Ger: All I can say is that I do what I can. Why can't you have both--a wife and wargames? Just make sure your wife is a wargame. That's not easy though.....

"Bob, do you think I'm sinking? Be honest."



# Utah bourse

|         | £ | F           | DM          | L            | R            |
|---------|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| AA      |   |             |             |              |              |
| FMA     |   | -500        |             | -500         | +536         |
| MMK     |   | -499        | -499        | -499         | +698         |
| SSS Inc |   |             |             | -500         | +377         |
| TLC     |   |             |             | -500         | +380         |
| totals  |   | <u>-999</u> | <u>-499</u> | <u>-1999</u> | <u>+1991</u> |

|            |             |            |             |             |             |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| pMP        | 1.03        | 1.08       | 1.10        | 2.56        | 3.39        |
| change     | 0           | -.09       | -.04        | -.19        | +.19        |
| Difference | <u>1.03</u> | <u>.99</u> | <u>1.06</u> | <u>2.37</u> | <u>3.58</u> |
| SC effect  | 0           | -.08       | 0           | -.08        | +.15        |
| Final MP   | <u>1.03</u> | <u>.91</u> | <u>1.06</u> | <u>2.29</u> | <u>3.73</u> |

|         | \$   | £ | F    | DM   | L    | R    |
|---------|------|---|------|------|------|------|
| AA      | 6.75 | 0 | 1028 | 1036 | 4046 | 5788 |
| FMA     | 3.07 | 0 | 2000 | 0    | 4111 | 4127 |
| MMK     | .84  | 0 | 991  | 3356 | 2205 | 3075 |
| SSS Inc | 2.89 | 0 | 0    | 0    | 366  | 7528 |
| TLC     | .09  | 0 | 0    | 0    | 1586 | 7700 |

Centers held by countries at the game end.

Eng: 1    Fra: 3    Ger: 2    Ita: 9    Rus: 19

## Victory Point Chart

|    | AA          | FMA        | MMK        | SSS Inc     | TLC         |
|----|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| £  | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0           |
| F  | 30          | 60         | 27         | 0           | 0           |
| DM | 20          | 0          | 66         | 0           | 0           |
| L  | 360         | 369        | 198        | 27          | 135         |
| R  | <u>1083</u> | <u>779</u> | <u>570</u> | <u>1425</u> | <u>1463</u> |
|    | 1493        | 1208       | 861        | 1452        | 1598        |

Congratulations to TLC and its president, Bob Olsen, for capturing control of the European money market!

Thanks go to everyone who stuck with the bourse all the way through.

I hope you enjoyed it.

End bourse statements, if you wish to submit them, are due on Fri., June 7th.

As a reminder, the Victory Points were calculated thus: the # of centers held by the country at the end of the game multiplied by the # of 100unit blocks held by a bourser equals VP--bourser's total VP for all currencies are totalled to determine placings. For example: MMK had 2205 L at the end. 22 (100) unit blocks were multiplied by 9 Italian centers at the end to give MMK 198 VPs for his Lira held.



IT WILL SOON BE SAFE TO OPEN YOUR MAILBOX AGAIN  
IT'S THE DEATH OF PANDEMONIUM PRESS

ZIMIAMIA #25

ZIMIAMVIA is an occasional publication dealing with game listings and other general Diplomacy material, published by Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, Ca 92024. Generally it is mailed to ALL active Diplomacy publishers, as this is a non-political hobby service.

Before I list the publishers who currently have game openings I will give an explanation as to what I mean by "The death of Pandemonium Press."

I have been a very active participant in the postal diplomacy hobby for two decades. Few have accomplished and have done as much as I have for this hobby. I often wonder if there would be a postal hobby if it were not for people like myself, Mark Berch, Bruce Linsey, Fred Davis and Herb Berents. I have watched the hobby grow from a small close knit organization to a diverse community which is comprised of various cliques. Naturally with increased membership the hobby has adapted to the various personalities. During the late 70's this change appeared to be for the better. However, in the past few years it has become more and more apparent that many of those who claim to be playing postal dip for fun and enjoyment are but a cancer for our hobby. Of course I will not mention any names as I have never been much for taking sides and feuding.

Diplomacy has been a major part of my life for as long as I can remember. The behavior of many of its participants has not only soured my view of this hobby but it has also affected my personal life. I am in the midst of a severe depression which began over a year ago. It has been very hard for me to deal with this as I have always believed in living life to the hilt. In the past my employer only had praise for my work. This praise however has turned into criticism due to slower production and a lack of quality. And of course there are only so many excuses one can make to his lover. Thus the only solution is to fold DIPLOMACY WORLD and EREWHON. I would have folded DIPLOMACY WORLD long ago but my love for the postal hobby and its participants runs very deep. And of course without DIPLOMACY WORLD it would have only made a bad situation worse as it is the only professional magazine of the Diplomacy Hobby. So I have waited and waited for the feudmongers to ease up and change their tactics. I can wait no longer. As of now the Pandemonium Press publications will cease to exist. I will be turning my games over to the orphan service as soon as I have a chance.

That brings us to the question of refunds. Since EREWHON was a private zine I will make every attempt to refund the sub fees. I will warn you all to be patient. I just used my last check and am waiting for a new order. But you know how slow banks can be. DIPLOMACY WORLD is another story. It is a public magazine. It was given to me in debt. And it has shown little profit during the past two years. Therefore refunds will not be available. However, I am hoping the Dipcon committee will allocate funds and perhaps I'll be able to give back 10 or 15 cents on a dollar.



I want to thank Mark Berch and Fred Davis for all the support and help that they gave me while I was publishing D.W., without them it would have ceased to exist years ago. If you are looking for a zine to fill the void left by the fold of D.W. I suggest you try DIPLOMACY DIGEST. It may not be pretty but then it's the quality that counts. And I don't believe anyone would argue the fact that Mark Berch is about the best writer in the hobby today. Mark's sub fees are only 35¢ per issue. His address is 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, Va. 22304

Dick Martin and Scott Hanson have passed the Orphan Service on to Keith Sherwood and Jim Burgess. I was a bit disappointed with the way Dick and Scott handled the service. But I am even more troubled with their successors. Keith and Jim simply do not have enough experience within the hobby. Naturally I will support them in any way I can.

The hobby Variant Bank will be passed on to Fred Davis. No one knows more about variants than Fred. I will work with Fred as the bank is quite a complicated project. If you would like a copy of the Variant Bank catalog please send \$7.50, to Fred Davis 1427 Claridge Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207.

I have been in contact with Roy Henricks and the Zine Directory will be available for sale by May 15. Both Roy and Bruce Linsey have put a lot of time and effort into this year's directory. According to Brux it's the best yet. It will sell for \$4.50. It can be ordered from Roy. His address is 128 Deerfield Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235. There was a bit of controversy with this year's Zine Directory (yes, more feuding). A few publishers did not wish to be listed. But since this is a public production and belongs to the hobby at large all zines must be listed. I commend Roy and Bruce for sticking to their guns on this.

Several publishers have game openings in Diplomacy. In May I will come out with a complete list of variant and Diplomacy games available. All games listed below are regular Dip.

Ron Brown 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, Ca. 93304  
monthly with \$5 game fees  
Dave Carter 118 Horsham Ave., Willowdale Ontario M2N 1Z9 Canada  
6 weeks with \$3 game fees  
Gary Coughlan 4614 Martha Cole Ln., Memphis, Tn. 38118  
5 weeks \$6 game fees  
Roy Henricks 128 Deerfield Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235  
monthly with \$7 game fees  
Steve Langley 2296 Eden Roc Ln., Sacramento, Ca. 95825  
monthly with \$10 NMR fee (refundable)  
Tom Mainardi 1403 Lawrence Rd., Havertown, Pa. 19083  
5 weeks \$3 game fee  
Mike Mills 26 Laurel Dr. Sloatsburgh, NY 10974  
5 weeks \$4 game fee  
Marc Peters 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI. 53711  
5 weeks \$5 game fee  
Terry Tallman 820 W. Armour St., Seattle, Wa 98119  
6 weeks \$5 game fee



Can you believe that Rod Walker is leaving the hobby!??  
If you are like me, you received Zimiamia #25 in the mail recently which announces Rod's retirement. He is folding, in addition to Erehwon, Diplomacy World!

I hate to see Rod go but the worst part of it is that he won't be refunding sub fees to DW. As he explains it, Dip World is a public zine. He says that when he began publishing it, it was in debt and that since he's had it, he's made "little profit during the past two years." Now I ask you, isn't he admitting that he indeed did make some money off of it?

The money that he made was from us who subbed to DW. We who innocently sent in money to Rod have been cheated. A solution must be found to this disgraceful lack of regard for an established hobby institution. Something must be done to rectify this serious state of affairs in which ~~we~~ we find ourselves. And I have the answer.....

BRUCE LINSEY, the hobby service  
SAVIOUR

Yes, I recommend Bruce Linsey to take up the post of Diplomacy World editor. Since Bruce has proved his ability and eagerness to the hobby by assisting with the Zine Register and taking over as the Rhunestone pollster, I think it only normal and fitting that Bruce take control of the "Flagship of the Hobby" -- Diplomacy World!

Yes, with Bruce in control we could all rest easy that our investment in DW would be secure. Bruce would and should be the one to restore DW to its former glory -- before the Dark Days of Rod Walker. The hobby needs a flagship and DW should be it. And I say:  
Bring in Brux! Bring in Brux! Bring in Brux! Bring in Brux!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What do you say.....Let's hear you.....Do you want Brux too???????????????

letter:

Tom,

Tell that simple-minded antelope (Woody) I don't accept mail from the (very) poor man's Perry Mason! Berch toady -- no way simple-minded hamster molestor!

Bob (Osen)

Bob,

I concur.

Tom.



"Wait, Mr. Higachi, we'll sell!"

Punch/London



# La Pagina da Celebrità è tornata!



Everyone at the last Byrne Con had to hold their breath when Old Ray showed

up. Seems that Ray forgot to wipe his feet after he cleaned out the elephant cages at the circus.....



After Old Ray left Byrne Con, he finally realized why Francine kept spraying the air freshener

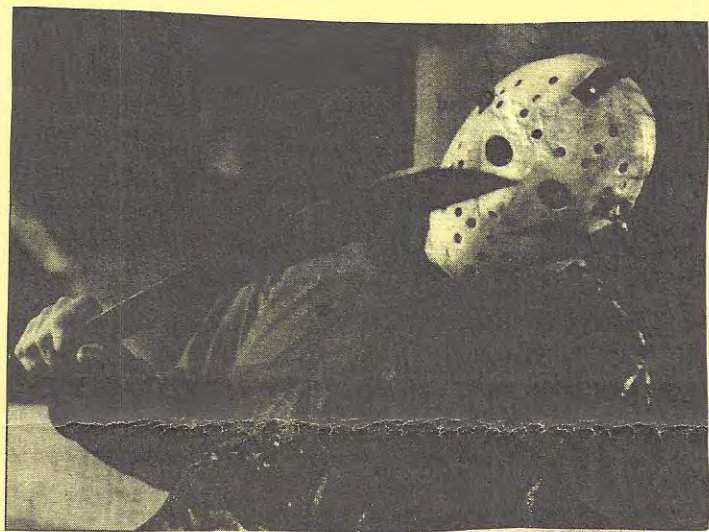
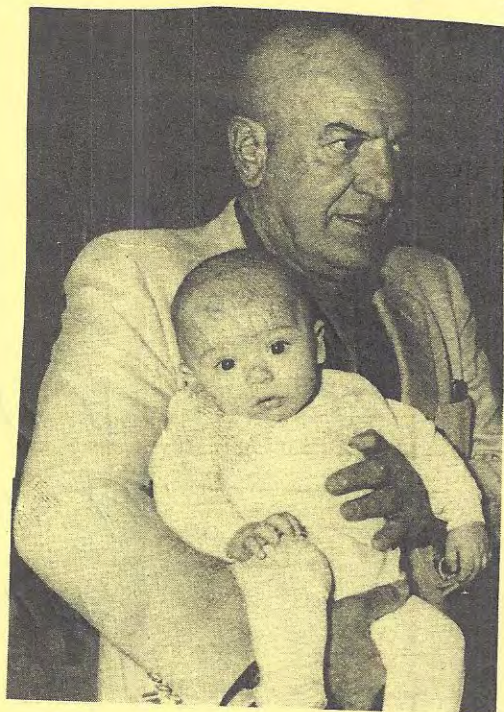
into his boots.

George and Laurie Graessle were also in attendance at Byrne Con. On smelling Old Ray's pungent odor, George turned as stiff as a statue. Laurie just kept giving Old Ray funny looks all night.





At right is Ed Wrobel and his young son, Eric. Ed was so thrilled with his new son that he had his own head shaved so they'd look more alike.



Don Williams viciously stabbed Woody in the Utah game. As a result, Don won the game.

Bob Olsen was completely shocked by his win of the Utah Bourse.

Bob is seen here, at right, all decked out for his corporate celebration.





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